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URGING THE CREATION OF A STAKEHOLDER GROUP TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND REVITALIZATION EFFORTS FOR THE CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC.

WHEREAS, on January 30, 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of the novel coronavirus ("COVID-19") a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2020, the United States Secretary of Health and Human Services declared the outbreak of COVID-19 a public health emergency for the United States; and

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2020, the Governor of the State of Hawaii ("Governor") issued a *Proclamation* declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the State due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act, HRS Chapter 127A; and

WHEREAS, also on March 4, 2020, Mayor Kirk Caldwell issued a *Proclamation* declaring the existence of a state of emergency in the City and County of Honolulu due to the COVID-19 outbreak and invoking his authority under the Hawaii Emergency Management Act; and

WHEREAS, on March 11, 2020, the World Health Organization designated the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on March 13, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a national emergency in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on March 18 and 20, 2020, the Mayor issued, respectively, a *Supplemental Proclamation* and *Emergency Order No. 2020-01* ordering all bars and nightclubs to close; all restaurants and cafes to close except for drive-thru, pickup or delivery service; closing a number of City facilities including the Neal S. Blaisdell Center and all City parks; and cancelling or curtailing a number of City events and operations; and

WHEREAS, on March 21, 2020, the Governor issued a *Second Supplementary Proclamation* requiring all persons entering the State to be subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine, effective March 26, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on March 22, 2020, the Mayor issued *Emergency Order No. 2020-02*, a "STAY AT HOME/WORK FROM HOME ORDER," requiring all City residents to



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remain at home, except to engage in certain specified essential activities, essential governmental functions, or the operation of essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, on March 23, 2020, the Governor issued a *Third Supplementary Proclamation* imposing a similar stay-at-home order statewide; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2020, the Governor issued a *Fourth Supplementary Proclamation* requiring all persons traveling between any of the islands in the State to be subject to a mandatory 14-day quarantine, effective April 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 1, 2020, the President of the United States of America declared a major disaster for the State of Hawaii as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on April 8, 2020, the Governor appointed Alan M. Oshima to be the "Navigator" to coordinate, direct and implement the Hawaii Economic and Community Recovery and Resiliency Plan, which includes a concurrent three-part strategy (Stabilization; Recovery; Resiliency) to address the economic and community impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic in Hawaii; and

WHEREAS, on April 16, 2020, the Governor issued a *Fifth Supplementary Proclamation*, effective April 17, 2020. This Proclamation placed a moratorium on all residential evictions for failure to pay rent or lease or other related charge; enhanced social distancing requirements; closed all State beaches; placed restrictions on boating, hiking, and fishing activities; and established more stringent requirements for the operation of essential businesses; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2020, the Governor issued a *Sixth Supplementary Proclamation*, amending and restating all of his previous proclamations and executive orders, and extending the emergency period through May 31, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2020, the Mayor issued *Emergency Order No. 2020-09*, an "AMENDED AND RESTATED STAY AT HOME/WORK FROM HOME ORDER," effective April 30, 2020, incorporating and superseding *Emergency Order Nos. 2020-01* through *2020-08*, and extending the stay-at-home period through May 18, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 1, 2020, the World Health Organization declared that the COVID-19 outbreak continues to constitute a public health emergency of international concern; and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2020, the Governor issued a *Seventh Supplementary Proclamation*, a "SAFER AT HOME ORDER," amending and restating all of his previous proclamations and executive orders. This Proclamation relaxed restrictions on



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certain businesses and operations, but also declared that "COVID-19 continues to endanger the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Hawaii and a response requires the serious attention, effort, and sacrifice of all people in the State to avert unmanageable strains on our healthcare system and other catastrophic impacts to the State"; and

WHEREAS, by Council Communication 138, dated May 5, 2020, Council Chair Ikaika Anderson announced the establishment of the Council Select Committee on Economic Assistance and Revitalization ("Select Committee") to consider the vital steps to safely reopen our communities across Oahu in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and statewide shutdown; and

WHEREAS, the Select Committee is tasked with developing recommendations regarding the best and most advantageous public use of federal funding received by the City, as well as other monies allocated to mitigate the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, the Select Committee intends to provide opportunities for small business owners, those in the gig economy, and niche industries to dialogue and participate in the identification and formulation of guidance for City policies and practices to address the City's recovery from the statewide economic downturn, and ensure that those most adversely impacted get the help they need; and

WHEREAS, on May 13, 2020, the Select Committee convened its first meeting, having a "discussion on community needs related to the COVID-19 pandemic and the use of federal and State funding received by the City to address the COVID-19 pandemic"; and

WHEREAS, on May 18, 2020, Gov. Ige issued an *Eighth Supplementary Proclamation*, an "ACT WITH CARE ORDER," which allows for the reopening of medium-risk businesses, and extends the eviction moratorium and the mandatory 14-day quarantine on all travelers arriving in Hawaii, including interisland travelers, through June 30, 2020; and

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2020, the Select Committee convened its second meeting, continuing its public discussion regarding community needs and the use of federal and State funding received by the City to address the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2020, the Mayor issued *Emergency Order No. 2020-14*, entitled "RESTORE HONOLULU 3.0," allowing restaurants on Oahu to reopen beginning on June 5, 2020, and personal service providers to open beginning on May 29, 2020, under specific requirements and conditions; and



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WHEREAS, during the first meeting of the Select Committee, a suggestion was made and supported by multiple committee members, to consider the creation of an informal working group of stakeholders within the community to collaborate and collectively share their input and insight with the Select Committee; and

WHEREAS, a number of individuals have been suggested by Councilmembers and others to be part of this informal working group of stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, the mitigation measures implemented by the State and City governments, coupled with the extraordinary efforts of the local community, have so far been successful in "flattening the curve" of COVID-19 infections and curbing its spread in Hawaii. Unfortunately, those successful measures and efforts have also resulted in severe economic hardship for thousands of businesses across Oahu, and hundreds of thousands of our residents; and

WHEREAS, the Council finds that it is imperative to explore and examine various approaches and options to sustainably revitalizing our economy and effectively assisting our City's businesses and residents who are experiencing economic hardships and other challenges; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that it urges the creation of a stakeholder group to meet and discuss economic assistance and revitalization efforts for the City in response to the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Council urges the following individuals to come together and participate in this stakeholder group and provide periodic updates to the Select Committee on Economic Assistance and Revitalization regarding their discussions and deliberations:

- 1) Deacon Modesto Cordero, proposed by Councilmember Elefante;
- 2) Mr. Ed D'Ascoli, proposed by Councilmember Tsuneyoshi;
- 3) Mr. Michael Formby, proposed by Councilmember Kobayashi;
- 4) Mr. Donald Koelper, Council Policy Advisor;
- 5) Mr. Ivan Lui Kwan, proposed by Councilmember Manahan;
- 6) Ms. Erika Lacro, proposed by Councilmember Waters;



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- 7) Dr. Scott Miscovich, proposed by Councilmember Anderson;
- 8) Mr. Kevin Rathbun, proposed by Councilmember Pine;
- 9) Ms. Lee Stack, proposed by Councilmember Fukunaga;
- 10) _____, proposed by Councilmember Menor; and
- 11) A representative of the Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency, to be selected by the Executive for Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this stakeholder group should not be constrained in what it considers and discusses, but should at least address:

- 1) Mechanisms or ways in which the City and County of Honolulu can best utilize federal funding to assist businesses and residents experiencing economic hardship; and
- 2) Recommendations for City policies to support and promote a sustainable local economy, diversification, and revitalization; and



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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Council Chair, Office of Climate Change, Sustainability and Resiliency and the suggested stakeholder group members.

INTRODUCED BY:

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DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAY 28 2020

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers